

What is claimed is:

1. A mobile terminal device comprising:

an hinge portion;

a second housing formed nearly in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped;

5 a first housing formed nearly in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped and coupled to said second housing by said hinge portion foldably and so that said first housing is capable of turning in relation to the second housing in the direction orthogonal to the foldable
10 direction;

a first image pick-up section provided for a surface opposed to said second housing in a state that the device is folded;

a second image pick-up section provided, in a state
15 where said first and second housings are unfolded at an angle of about 90° and further the first housing turns at an angle of about 90° to the second housing, for a surface on the opposite side to the surface having said first image pick-up section, of said first and second housings; and

20 a position detecting section for detecting a positional relation between said first and second housings according to a change of the angle between said first and second housings;

wherein, in a state where said first and second
25 housings are unfolded and said first image pick-up section

is operating, when said position detecting section detects that said first and second housings are changing in a direction to be folded each other, an operation of said first image pick-up section is stopped.

2. The mobile terminal device according to Claim 1,
wherein, in a state where said first and second housings are unfolded at the angle about 90°, the first housing is turned at an angle of about 90° to said second
5 housing, and said second image pick-up section is operating, when said position detecting section detects that said first and second housings are changing in a direction to be unfolded/folded, an operation of said second image pick-up section is stopped.

3. The mobile terminal device according to Claim 1,
wherein, in a state where said first and second housings are unfolded and said first image pick-up section is operating, when said position detecting section detects
5 that the angle between said first and second housings changes to about 90°, the operation of said first image pick-up section is stopped and an operation of said second image pick-up section is started.

4. The mobile terminal device according to Claim 2,
wherein, in a state where said first and second housings are unfolded and said first image pick-up section

is operating, when said position detecting section detects
5 that the angle between said first and second housings
changes to about 90°, the operation of said first image
pick-up section is stopped and the operation of said second
image pick-up section is started.

5. The mobile terminal device according to Claim 1,
wherein, in a state where said first and second
housings are unfolded at an angle of about 90°, said first
housing is turned at an angle of about 90° to the second
5 housing, and said second image pick-up section is
operating, when said position detecting section detects
that said first and second housings are changing in a
direction to be unfolded, an operation of said second image
pick-up section is stopped and the operation of said first
10 image pick-up section is started.

6. The mobile terminal device according to Claim 2,
wherein, in a state where said first and second
housings are unfolded at an angle of about 90°, said first
housing is turned at an angle of about 90° to the second
5 housing, and said second image pick-up section is
operating, when said position detecting section detects
that said first and second housings are changing in a
direction to be unfolded, the operation of said second
image pick-up section is stopped and the operation of said
10 first image pick-up section is started.